

Page 1, replace the third paragraph that starts with  
"The present application is a continuation-in-part : . . ."  
with following new paragraph:

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-- The present application is a continuation  
application of application serial number 09/542,932,  
filed April 4, 2000, which is a continuation of  
application serial number 09/186,291, now U.S. Patent  
No. 6,249,958, which is a continuation application of  
serial number 08/966,681, filed November 10, 1997, now  
abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of  
application of serial number 08/061,362, filed May 12,  
1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,390,404, which is a  
continuation-in-part of application of serial number  
07/900,348, filed June 18, 1992, now U.S. Patent No.  
5,211, 211, which is a continuation-in-part of  
application of serial number 07/737,046, filed July  
29, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,163,211. --

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-11 and 14-16, without prejudice.

Substitute claim 12 with the following amended claim

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